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REMARKS	Summary [REDACTED]			

1. At 6 a.m. on 19 February 1953, all barracks installations in Grimma were almost vacant. According to a local resident, the following column went from the barracks installations to the woods west of Hochweitzschen near Doebeln on 17 February: 14 T-34 tanks, [REDACTED]; 6 armored scout cars.

[REDACTED] 30 motorcycles; 200 trucks, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] 3 tank trucks, 3 ambulances, 1 radio truck, 4 field kitchens, 7 trucks mounting AA machine guns, 12 trucks towing 57-mm AT guns, and 4 half-track vehicles, [REDACTED]

each mounting 2 machine guns and each occupied by 4 soldiers.¹ On 18 February, materiel and troops returning from Klosterholz to Grimma included 5 buses

[REDACTED] and each occupied by 24 troops wearing red-bordered black

epaulets; 50 trucks [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]; 1 ambulance, 2 armored scout cars [REDACTED]

and T-34 tanks [REDACTED]. The trucks were occupied by soldiers who wore

either red-bordered black or black-bordered black epaulets.² In the evening

of 20 February, materiel seen returning to the barracks installations in

Grimma included: several trucks towing 120-mm mortars [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] several trucks towing 12 x 57-mm AT guns

[REDACTED] and armored scout car [REDACTED]

2. On 23 February, about 500 soldiers were lined up in the Strassburg Kaserne. The guard at the gate and three officers wore brassards with tank insignia.
3. On 23 February, 150 troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets with engineer insignia and 150 troops wearing signal insignia were seen in the east section of the Elsner Kaserne.
4. On 23 February, 120 artillery officers who had participated in the exercise were seen in the west section of the Elsner Kaserne.

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5. Between 18 February and 3 March, materiel seen passing through Grimma, coming from the south and proceeding toward east, included 24 x 120-mm mortars, trucks [redacted]; several field kitchens, 1 ambulance and 1 tank truck.¹

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1. [redacted] Comment. The information indicates that the 21st Gds Mecz Regt stationed in Grimma participated in the exercise of the 8th Gds Mecz Div, which took place in the Grimma-Riesa area between 17 and 20 February and involved elements of the division from Leisniz and Wurzen.

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[redacted] of the 65th Fort Bnig (SS) of the 1st Arm.

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2. [redacted] Comment. For information on another exercise, presumably a signal exercise, of the 8th Gds Mecz Div, which involved army troops of the First Gds Mecz Army and took place between 15 and 18 February in the Klosterholz south of Grimma, compare with a previous report by the same source.

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